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Attorney's Docket No. 003300-737

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Kjell OLMARKER *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
Application No.: 09/760,810 )  
Filed: January 17, 2001 ) Examiner: Jegatheesan Seharaseyon  
For: USE OF CERTAIN ) Confirmation No.: 4391  
METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS )  
FOR TREATING NERVE DISORDERS )  
MEDIATED BY NUCLEUS PULPOSUS )  
(AS AMENDED) )  
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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- [ ] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [ ] A Terminal Disclaimer and the [ ] \$55.00 (2814) [ ] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter; Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 with 2 references discussed in the Amendment.
- [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$375.00 (2801) [ ] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- [ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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- No additional claim fee is required.
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Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

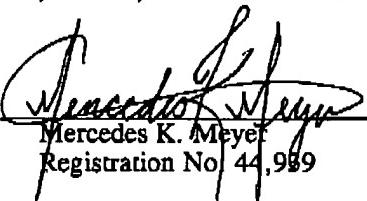
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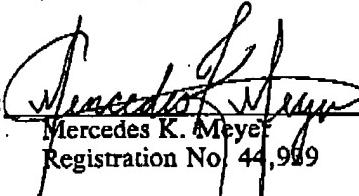
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